

Nature Center Activities

Turkey Run State Park

Monday, February 2
Groundhog Day!

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – Come to the nature center to help stock the wildlife observation area with seed and suet, and then watch through large windows as birds and squirrels and occasional hawks and foxes eat and interact.

10am-4:30pm Meet The Groundhog – Look for the table in the nature center filled with groundhog info and things to touch. Get a weather predicting folklore handout, and find out if the groundhog shadow prediction works!

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Enjoy a free 40-minute presentation in the nature center planetarium. Hear star legends, learn how to find constellations, and find out which planets and meteor showers are gracing the clear winter skies.

Tues & Wed, February 3-4
Nature Center CLOSED

Thurs & Fri, February 5-6
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2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

Hoosier Quest Program
Earn pins, kerchiefs, patches & more!
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Eagles In Flight Weekend
Turkey Run State Park Inn

*Event Fee \$10 adults, \$5 children, 3 & under free
+ \$7/person to ride bus during Road Trips
Overnight rooms available @ Turkey Run Inn*

Friday, February 6

3-10pm Registration – Turkey Run Inn LOBBY

7:30pm Welcome – Lusk Room

8-9:30pm Live Owls: Their Haunts & Habits – Lusk Room

Saturday, February 7

6am-1pm Registration

6-8am Eagle ROOST Road Trip – Gather in the Turkey Run Inn LOBBY

9:15-10:30 am & 10:45am-12pm

Concurrent Sessions:

Live Raptor Show – Lusk Room

Indiana Raptor Restoration Program – Strauss Room

Indiana Birding Hotspots – Dogwood Room

Bird Banding: Why & How – Wooden Lobby

1:30-5pm Eagle NEST Road Trip

6:30-9pm Poster Session/Resource Fair

9pm-?? Evening Social (bring an instrument)

Sunday, February 8

10am Help Feed The Birds @ Nature Center

10:30am Bald Eagle Video @ Nature Center

2pm Planetarium Star Show @ Nature Center



Mon, Thurs & Fri, February 9 & 12-13
Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

Tuesday & Wednesday, February 10-11
Nature Center CLOSED

Saturday, February 14

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous.

***10:30am Love Is In The Air** – Some birds are already incubating eggs & tending young, while others are ramping up their courtship activities through song, food offerings and mating. **Meet at the Inn** for a peek into the sex lives of birds. 1.5-hour moderate hike.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

3pm Star Clocks – Come to the nature center to make a handy tool that will help you tell time by the stars if you take a romantic stroll tonight! Make one to keep, and then practice using it in the planetarium. 30-minute program.

Sunday, February 15

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. No entrance into planetarium after 2.

3-4:30pm Recycled Birdfeeders – Invite birds to your home with a unique feeder made from cast-offs. Allow 20 min. per project. Nature Center.

Mon, Thurs & Fri, February 16 & 19-20
Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

Also on Thursday, Feb. 19...

7pm Monarch Butterfly Migration – Join the Parks' Friends Group for a special program about monarch butterflies with local expert Jim Hicks. Then stick around for the monthly business meeting of the Friends of Turkey Run and Shades State Parks to see how you can become a volunteer. Dogwood Room, Turkey Run Inn.

Tuesday & Wednesday, February 17-18
Nature Center CLOSED

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***Healthy Parks – Healthy People:** Get “INShape” with us or discover how to keep a state park healthy at these programs

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***10am Help Feed The Birds** – Come to the nature center to help stock the wildlife observation area with seed and suet, and then watch through large windows as birds and squirrels eat and interact.

***10:30am A Hike In A Time Machine**

Meet at the nature center for a 1-hour moderate hike through time and discover the truly amazing history of Turkey Run State Park and the surrounding area.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Enjoy a free 40-minute program in the nature center planetarium. Discover star legends, constellations, current planets and meteor showers.

3pm Tracking Wildlife- Uncover the stories animals leave behind as they go about the business of living. 1-hour mostly outdoor activity. Nature Center.

Sunday, February 22

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

3-4:30pm Spring Is Coming – Celebrate the coming of Spring with a giant, colorful paper flower. Make one and take it home with you! 20-minute activity. Nature Center.

Mon, Thurs & Fri, February 23 & 26-27

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

Tues & Wed, February 24-25

Nature Center CLOSED

Saturday, February 28

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous.

***10:30am In Search of Skunk Cabbage-** Meet at the nature center front porch for a 2-hour moderate hike in search of the Park's earliest spring wildflower. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous.

3-4pm Driving Me BATTY - Stop by the nature center anytime between 3 & 4 to discover the mysteries of the world's only flying mammal & make a flying bat to keep! 20-minute activity.

Sunday, March 1

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

***3-4:30pm Man's Quest For Fire-** Try primitive fire-starting techniques and make yourself a fire starter for your next camp- or woodstove fire. Nature Center.

Mon, Thurs & Fri, March 2 & 5-6

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For more interpretive programs, visit
<http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/12066.htm>